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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

Trade sentiment was steady at best. Retail demand continued seasonally light as turkeys and other holiday meat items received most interest. Food service was mixed, best into restaurants and fast food. Supplies were irregular, but mostly more than sufficient for current needs. In the parts structure, wings were close balanced to tight and had good movement. Breast items were adequate to ample and often discounted, and gizzards began to show an increase in seasonal demand. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were in a full range, but mostly desirable.

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for next week's trading remains unchanged at 61.50 cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 58.50 cents last year on the 17th of November, 1999.

Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted prices on ice-packed parts for next week's trading.

ITEM	DOCK PRICE (CENTS PER POUND)
BREASTS - B/S	131.00
BREASTS - WHOLE	71.00
THIGH MEAT - B/S	83.00
LEG QUARTERS	29.00
WINGS	74.50

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CHICK PLACEMENT AND EGG SET TOTAL

15 STATES	PERCENT CHANGE	
WEEK ENDING 12/23/00	2000	1999
EGGS SET	175,676	179,159
CHICKS PLACED	131,358	130,414
		PREVIOUS YEAR
		-02%
		+01%

Broiler Eggs Set In 15 Selected States Down 2 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 15-State weekly program set in incubators 176 million eggs during the week ending November 11, 2000. This was down 2 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 82 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

Broiler Chicks Placed Up 1 Percent

Broiler growers in the 15-State weekly program placed 131 million chicks for meat production during the week ending November 11, 2000. Placements were up 1 percent from the comparable week in 1999. Cumulative placements from January 2, 2000, through November 11, 2000, were 6.49 billion, up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

BASED ON THE PRELIMINARY CHICK PLACEMENTS, THE NUMBER OF FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING DURING THE WEEK ENDING 23-Dec-00 IS ESTIMATED AT 138.7 MILLION HEAD. THIS COMPARES TO 142.9 MILLION HEAD THE PREVIOUS WEEK AND TO 139.5 MILLION HEAD THE SAME WEEK A YEAR AGO, WHEN THE SLAUGHTER WAS 150.8 MILLION HEAD AND THE 12-CITY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE WAS 58.10 CENTS PER POUND.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS The market tone was about steady. Offerings slow to clear. Buyer's interest was only fair. Demand by stores light, best for parts as interest centered around upcoming Thanksgiving day needs; demand by restaurants moderate overall, best by fast food. Floor stocks in fair balance with current needs.

SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment was steady. Demand was seasonally light to moderate with most interest focused on traditional holiday needs. Supplies were usually in good balance for trade needs. In the parts structure, breast items were adequate to ample and often discounted, but still slow to clear. Wings were close balanced to tight and moving strong, and dark meat was balanced with fair demand. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at desirable to heavy, mostly desirable weights.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS The market tone on whole broiler/fryers was steady. Offerings of additional product were limited for the like demand. Fill in trading noted in Chicago on whole fryers at 47 cents. Demand into retail channels remained seasonally slow to moderate as traditional Thanksgiving items moved front and center of trade attention. Scattered features showing mixed interest; retail features noted in Chicago on split breasts at 69 and 79 cents; retail features in the St. Louis area on roasters at \$1.09 and boneless/skinless breasts 3 pound bag at \$6.99 and regular pack at \$2.59. Food service movement was generally slow; occasionally good demand noted in Michigan into restaurant accounts and the Chicago area reported moderate demand into fast food outlets. Floor stocks well cleared to adequate with sizes mostly desirable. Parts trading was moderate to fairly good on wings which were well cleared. Trading on all other items was inactive for the fully adequate to ample supplies with discounts noted on breast items. Trade sentiment steady to firm on wings and about steady with a weak undertone on the balance of items.

NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trucklot interest on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was generally light and unaggressive as dealer focus shifted to the traditional Thanksgiving items. Offerings of all sizes were at least adequate. The market tone was about steady. In the parts market, boneless-skinless breasts were ample and remained available at discounted levels, and bone-in breasts were readily available. Wings were no more than sufficient to closely cleared, and gizzards saw good seasonal demand. The balance of parts were more than adequate for the light and selective buyer interest.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYER MARKET Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was dull as activity centered around turkeys and other items more typically traded in advance of the upcoming thanksgiving holiday. Offerings were irregularly balanced, but more than sufficient for current inquiry. Live supplies were seasonally light to moderate; weights were mixed in a full range of light to heavy. Processing schedules were light as operations continued to be reduced in line with fewer needs. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 55 to 69 cents. Trade sentiment was about steady. Wings and gizzards cleared satisfactorily. Other cuts were fully adequate or ample.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA.	
BRANDED U.S. GRADE A	
RANGE	52-69
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	58.83
NO. OF BOXES	11,598

*7 of 8 plants reporting.

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SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

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F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	813	110.00-190.00	125-135	134.98
TENDERLOINS	166	185.00-245.00	185-190	196.02
BREAST - LINE RUN	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	86	33.00-48.00	33-34	34.05
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	319	22.00-27.00	23-24	23.49
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,492	25.00-29.00	26-27	26.36
WINGS (WHOLE)	329	73.00-75.00	73-74	73.89
WINGS (CUT)	449	81.00-101.00	82-84	84.42
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	862	100.00-191.00	125-135	134.83
TENDERLOINS	162	155.00-245.00	-	168.43
BREAST - LINE RUN	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	66	33.00-48.00	33-35	34.36
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	339	22.00-27.00	23-24	23.22
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,612	24.00-29.50	26-28	26.46
WINGS (WHOLE)	329	71.00-74.00	-	73.40
WINGS (CUT)	611	85.00-102.00	85-88	89.13
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
44.50 - 49.50	46.32	45.00 - 47.50	45.61	47.16

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS

Trucklot buying activity was light and unaggressive as the more traditional items began to dominate the marketplace. Offerings of boneless-skinless breasts remained ample and discounted, and bone-in breasts remained available. Wings were no more than adequate to closely balanced, and increasing seasonal interest kept gizzards well cleared. Movement into retail and distributive channels was light to fair at best. The market tone was cautiously steady to weak on breast items, fully steady to instances firm on wings and gizzards, no better than steady on the remainder of items.

*PRICES PAID PER POUND, ICE PACKED AND CO2 PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES

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ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	110-115	113.88	925,070
TENDERLOINS	185-190	182.50	163,950
BREAST - WITH RIBS	59-60	68.24	308,600
BREAST - LINE RUN	59	60.76	192,800
LEGS	35-36	39.63	222,040
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	26-27	26.83	778,732
DRUMSTICKS	29-30	36.33	236,060
THIGHS	30-31	35.25	170,010
B/S THIGHS	76-77	79.90	63,280
WINGS (WHOLE)	70-71	81.30	366,950
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.02	74,520
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	40.16	81,460
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	55-60	59.99	94,176

ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	110	114.82	590,840
TENDERLOINS	180-185	181.02	121,400
BREAST - WITH RIBS	58-59	67.52	316,320
BREAST - LINE RUN	58	59.82	190,000
LEGS	35-36	39.96	186,120
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	26-27	27.12	552,827
DRUMSTICKS	29-30	37.17	174,478
THIGHS	30-31	35.67	150,170
B/S THIGHS	77-78	80.30	76,880
WINGS (WHOLE)	71-72	81.27	333,460
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.88	67,960
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	39.21	76,320
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	60-65	64.10	102,320

INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	<u>ESTIMATED</u>		<u>ACTUAL</u>		<u>AVG</u> <u>WTS</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>AVG</u> <u>WTS</u>	
	11/15	11/14	11/13	11/10	11/13	11/10	11/08	11/06
ALA	3,778	3,835	3,833	3,969	5.14	4.89	3,851	5.04
ARK	4,873	5,148	5,152	5,272	4.97	4.97	4,730	5.03
DELMARVA	2,000	2,006	2,262	2,135	5.03	4.98	2,335	5.11
KY-LA-TN	2,024	1,972	2,010	2,018	4.60	4.41	1,757	4.56
MISS	2,317	2,734	2,552	3,008	5.10	5.00	2,676	5.14
NC	2,527	2,336	2,273	2,135	5.99	6.01	2,566	6.08
TEXAS	2,055	2,099	2,324	2,524	4.81	4.62	2,358	4.86
TOTAL	19,574	20,130	20,406	21,061	5.08	4.93	20,273	5.11
MON-WED	60,254(A)						61,844(A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 15-Nov 00 is estimated to be 29,285,000 down 6.06 percent from a week ago and up 2.0 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 31,173,000; last year 28,712,000)

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	81-84
ROASTERS 4# & UP	65-90
HENS UNDER 5#	-
HENS OVER 5#	74
DUCKS	129
RABBITS-WHOLE	284
RABBITS-CUT UP	289
SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY	
DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS	
FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK 92-94
	DRY PACK 102-103
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK 106-112
	DRY PACK 112-119
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK 94
	DRY PACK 94
DUCKS	152-165

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING NOV-18-00

CLASS	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	11/18/00 (1)	11/11/00
THOUSAND HEAD		
BRO-FRY	153,251 (2)	155,374
LT HENS	1,709	1,760
HVY HENS	1,453	1,578
CHECK TOTAL	156,413	158,712

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 18-Nov-00 is 144.4 million head compared to 147.3 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 153.6 million head or 9.2 million more than estimated available. For week of 25-Nov-00 the estimated available is 143.2 million head.

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS

SELECTED STORAGE CENTERS

(INCLUDES GOVERNMENT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEY		PROCESSED POULTRY	
	LBS		LBS	
AM 13-Nov-00	120,092		73,941	
AM 1-Nov-00	128,816		72,410	
CHG	-8,724		1,531	
PCT CHG	-7		2	

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	11/13/00	11/06/00	11/16/99	11/13/00	11/06/00	11/16/99
PACIFIC						
COAST	13,349	15,283	18,099	8,408	8,106	13,513
LOS ANGELES	259	260	806	2,507	2,317	4,434

HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES

FOR 11/14/00

	LOW HIGH AVG				LOW HIGH AVG		
	LOW	HIGH	AVG		LOW	HIGH	AVG
HEAVY FOWL lb.	.30	.55	.50	HEAVY FOWL ea.	-	-	-
LIGHT FOWL lb.	.30	.35	.33	LIGHT FOWL ea.	-	-	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	.60	1.00	.74	MIXED FOWL ea.	-	-	-
BANTAMS lb.	-	.60	-	BANTAMS ea.	.75	3.75	-
BROILERS lb.	.50	.55	.53	BROILERS ea.	-	-	-
ROASTERS lb.	.50	.70	.57	ROASTERS ea.	-	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-	FRYERS ea.	-	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-	CHICKS ea.	-	.50	-
PULLETS lb.	-	1.00	-	PULLETS ea.	-	-	-
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	1.00	2.10	-
ROOSTERS lb.	.55	1.05	.93	ROOSTERS ea.	-	3.00	-
GEESE lb.	-	-	-	GEESE ea.	-	-	-
TURKEYS lb.	.35	.65	.52	TURKEYS ea.	12.00	14.00	-
DUCKS lb.	.40	1.05	.71	DUCKS ea.	2.50	3.00	-
RABBITS lb.	.30	1.05	.85	RABBITS ea.	1.25	1.75	-
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	1.50	3.75	-
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea.	4.00	7.00	-
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	-	.60	-
GUINEA KEETS ea.	-	-	-	CALL DUCKS ea.	-	-	-
SILKIES ea.	-	-	-	GOSLINGS ea.	-	-	-
GUINEA PIGS ea.	1.25	2.75	-				

TOTAL COOPS 177

CENTRAL MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY RTC HENS

READY-TO-COOK PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR DELIVERY TO FIRST RECEIVERS, U.S. GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 LBS. AND UP, FOR WEEK OF NOVEMBER 13, 2000

		RANGE
HENS	ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	56-60
	VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	60-65

MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS-Mexico City

Cents per pound for the week ending November 10, 2000

	Whole Chickens		Legs W/Thighs	Necks,Backs & Wings	Livers/ Gizzards	Hens
	Breasts					
RAYON						
Low	47.78	132.46	75.69	14.19	14.19	44.94
High	52.13	151.39	89.89	28.38	23.65	44.94
Mostly	52.13	141.92	85.15	18.92	18.92	44.94
SAN JUAN						
Low	52.51	132.46	80.42	23.65	14.19	132.46
High	56.77	151.39	94.62	30.75	23.65	151.39
Mostly	53.93	141.92	89.89	26.02	16.56	141.92
NEW SAN JUAN						
Low	51.09	132.46	75.69	14.19	14.19	44.47
High	52.04	151.39	89.89	28.38	23.65	44.47
Mostly	51.66	141.92	75.69	18.92	18.92	44.47
BECERRA						
Low	52.99	132.46	80.42	21.29	16.56	44.94
High	56.77	151.39	99.35	30.75	23.65	44.94
Mostly	52.99	141.92	85.15	28.38	18.92	44.94

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